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Washington, D. C. 20515

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Let me assure you that I will advise you of our decision regarding an unclassified version of the report.

Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U. S. Navy

P.S. My personal investigation indicates that the "unclassified" version to which you refer was classified Secret, but proposed for declassification. It was not declassified (judgment call with which I concur) but we are looking again to see if it can be declassified to make it both unclassified & meaningful

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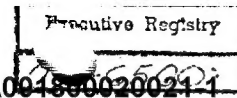
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March 1, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

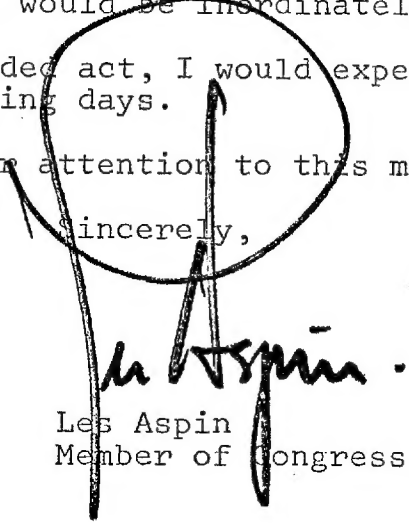
I am writing to request a copy of the unclassified version of the recent intelligence community report on the Soviet civil defense program. As I understand the situation, such a version was prepared by analysts within the CIA but was not released publicly as originally planned.

There has been a flood of conflicting and misleading claims in this area. Any information that could be provided publicly by a credible authority--even if tentatively offered with a clear explication of the uncertainties involved--would greatly elevate the current level of debate and would be inordinately useful.

As provided for in the amended act, I would expected to receive a reply within ten working days.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Les Aspin
Member of Congress

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